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GHONDA

Embassy Kinshasa received the attached letter from Minister of Foreign Affairs Antoine Ghonda for Secretary Powell and NSC Africa Director Courville

thanking the U.S. for hosting the May 13 Quadripartite talks. Post will forward the originals by pouch.

12. Text of the letter:

Salutary greeting:

On behalf of the Congolese delegation and on my own behalf, I have the honor to express our deep and sincere gratitude to the State Department and to the United States Government for hosting the Quadripartite Meeting between the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda and Rwanda inWashington, D.C. on 13 May 2004.

The Congolese delegation was genuinely pleased by the fruitful discussions that took place among all parties during this meeting and gratifyingly took note of the promising strategies devised on this occasion for a better implementation of the Pretoria and the Luanda Agreements.

Allow me to avail myself of this opportunity to salute and to encourage the relentless efforts of the American Government for the return of peace and stability in the Great Lakes Region, in each of the states involved as well as through the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC) to which the Congolese Government reiterates its full support.

Complimentary close.

Antoine Ghonda